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Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities

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What are Livable/Sustainable Communities?



“Livable Communities are where people have access to many different forms of transportation and affordable housing.....”

**Secretary Ray LaHood,
DOT**

Livable Communities



Source: Planning Raleigh 2030

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PALMYRA SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

In Palmyra New Jersey, the city maintains the municipal trees in the Borough. The municipal shade trees save homeowner's energy, improve the value of homes, and add to the beauty of the community.

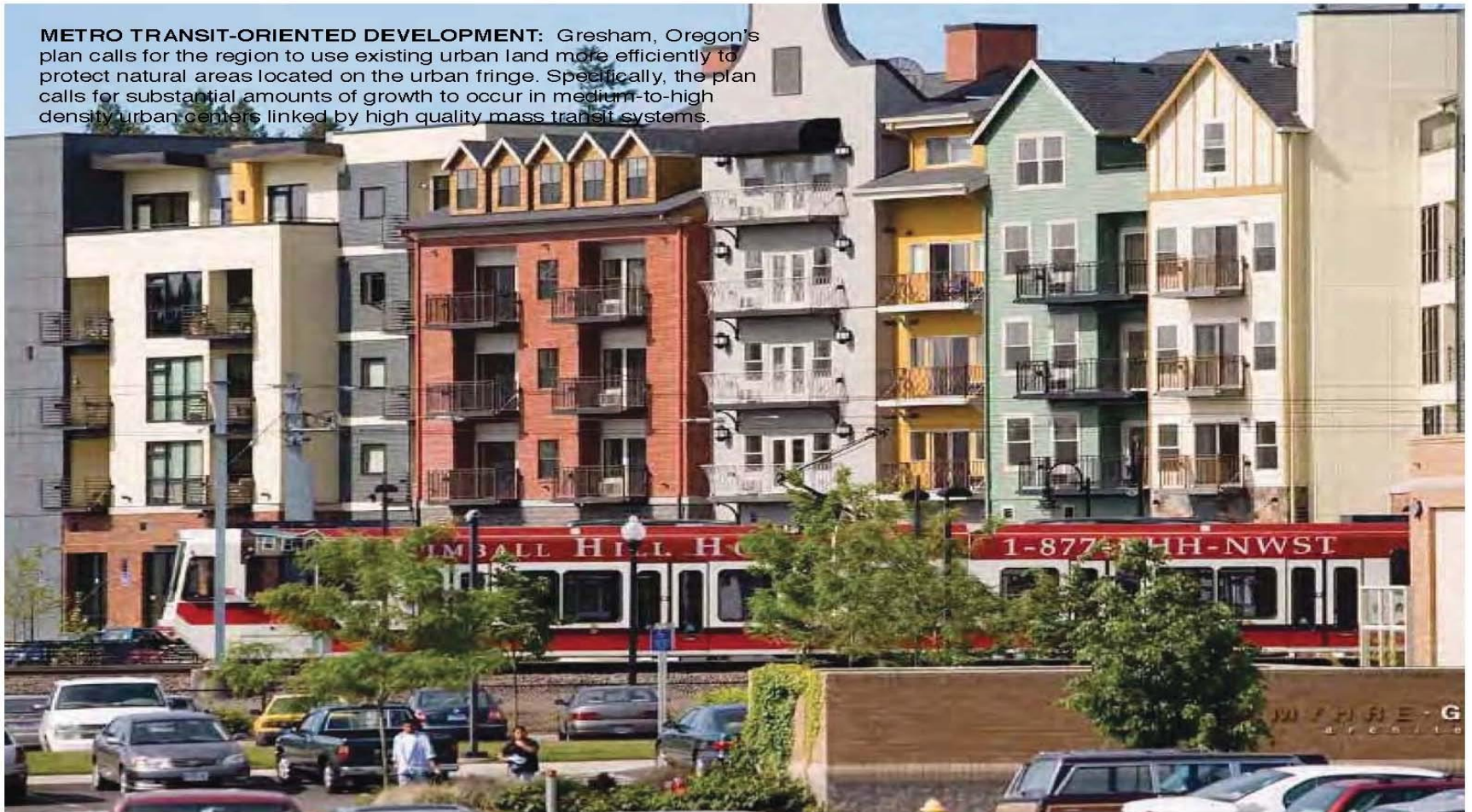


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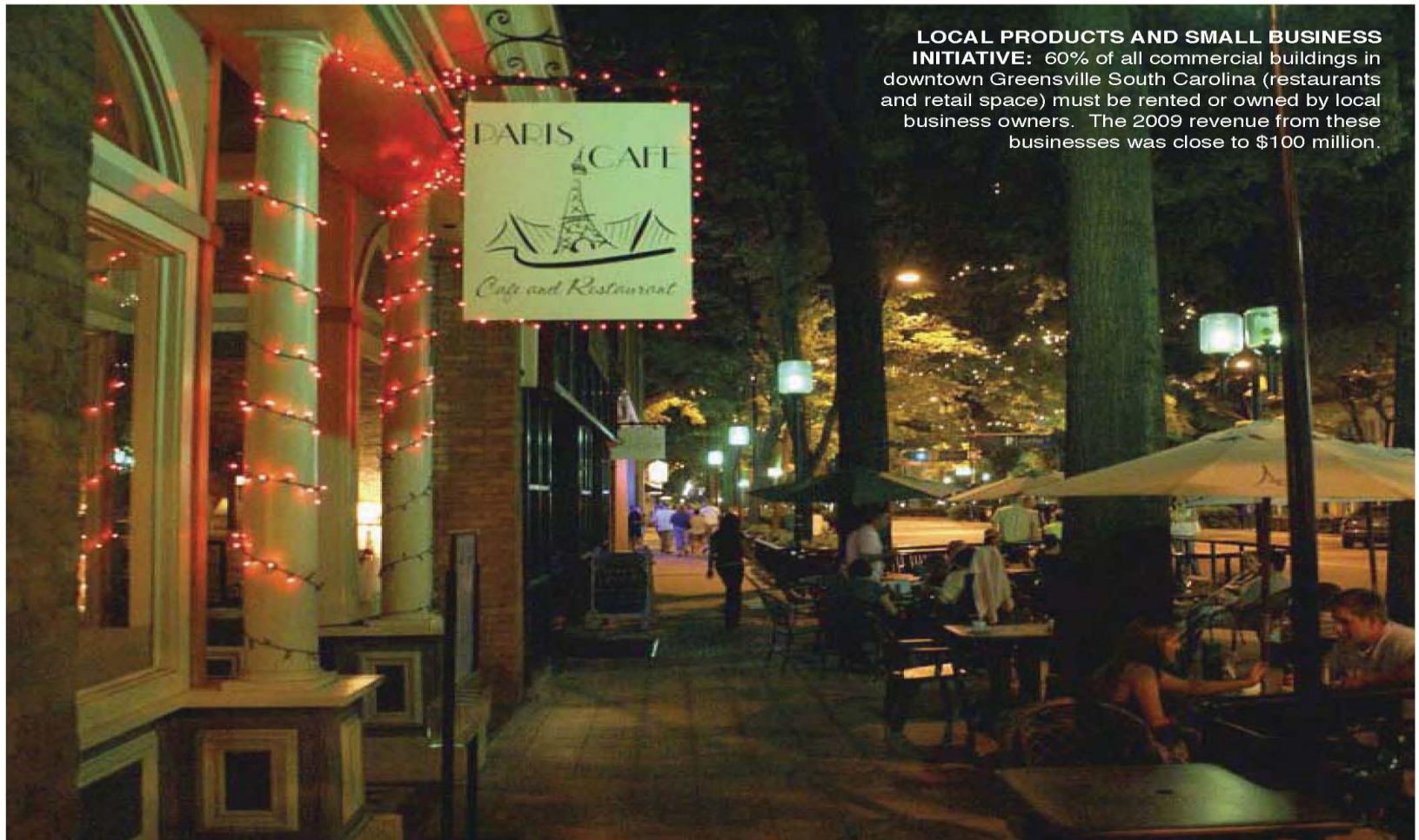


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METRO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT: Gresham, Oregon's plan calls for the region to use existing urban land more efficiently to protect natural areas located on the urban fringe. Specifically, the plan calls for substantial amounts of growth to occur in medium-to-high density urban centers linked by high quality mass transit systems.



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LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE: 60% of all commercial buildings in downtown Greenville South Carolina (restaurants and retail space) must be rented or owned by local business owners. The 2009 revenue from these businesses was close to \$100 million.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Recognizing that housing prices can sometimes increase when a community creates great places to live, the Davidson North Carolina requires that 12.5% of all new housing be affordable to families making less than the county's median family income.

Livability

Livability is, “investing in a way that recognizes the unique character of each community. The era of one-size-fits-all transportation projects must give way to one where preserving and enhancing unique community characteristics, be they rural or urban, is a primary mission of our work rather than an afterthought.”



Livability: Definition

■ Livable Communities

A livable community is one in which people have multiple, convenient transportation and housing options as well as destinations easily accessible to people traveling in and out of cars.

- ## ■ The Livable Communities Initiative
- Provides transportation choices that promote place-based transportation policies that are centered on people.





Livability: Determined by the Public

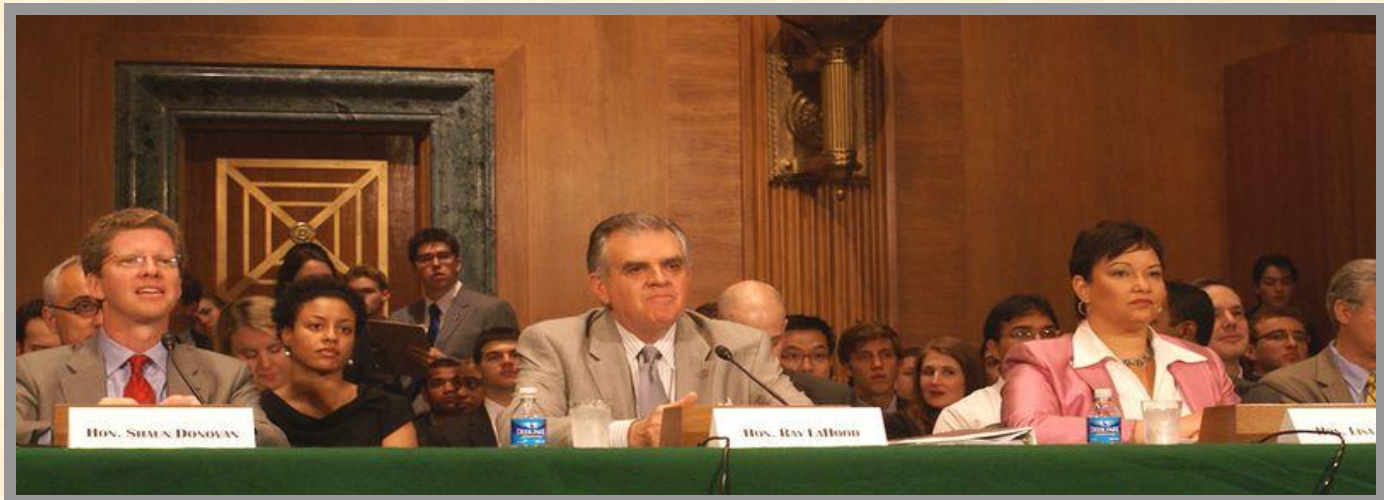
“Livability” is dependent upon the vision articulated by the residents and other stakeholders of a community.

One Size Does Not Fit All!

HUD/DOT/EPA Sustainable Communities Partnership

June 2009: Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities

- Recognition that our water, brownfields, and air investments, policies, and actions can be part of the solution



HUD/DOT/EPA Sustainable Communities Partnership's Guiding Principles

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Target resources to existing communities.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investments.
- Value unique characteristics of communities no matter their size.



Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Progress to Date

- Three-Agency and White House Tour
- Outreach to Key Stakeholders
- HUD's Brownfields Policy Change
- Executive Order (EO 13514) on Federal Facilities
- Grant Coordination
- EPA Pilots & Initiatives



Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Progress to Date

- ❑ TIGER Discretionary Grant Program
- ❑ HUD's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program
- ❑ DOT Urban Circulator Projects





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FHWA Headquarters Progress to Date

□ Awareness Building

- CSS Clearinghouse Sponsored Livability Webinar (Sept. 2009)
- FHWA/FTA Livability Initiative Training (October 2009)
- CTE Livability Webcast (Nov. 2009)
- Transportation and Land Use Webinar (Feb. 2010)

□ Capacity Building

Livability in Transportation Guidebook
Website
Training Agenda
Livability Research Project



FHWA Field Offices Progress to Date

- ❑ Mid-Atlantic Sustainable Communities Symposium (Philadelphia, PA - Feb. 2010)
- ❑ Sustainable Communities Workshop (Louisville, KY- Feb. 2010)
- ❑ TX Division Office Sustainable Communities Workshop (Arlington, TX – March 2010)
- ❑ Region 4 Workgroup



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FHWA Field Offices Progress to Date

- ❑ Illinois Division Office participated in Region 5 HUD and EPA Kickoff meeting
- ❑ Colorado Division Office participates in Region 8 HUD and EPA meetings
- ❑ California Division Office participates in ad hoc working groups in Region 9



Questions?